

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 1 and 6. These sheets, which include Figs. 1 and 6, replaces the original sheets including Figs. 1 and 6. In Fig. 1, reference characters 34, 36, 38, 40, and 42 have been corrected. Fig. 6 has been amended to more closely correspond to the description in the specification.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-31 were pending in this application. Claims 1, 2, 6, 8, 10-16, and 23 have been amended. Claims 7, 9, 22, 28, 30, and 31 have been canceled. Therefore, claims 1-6, 8, 10-21, 23-27, and 29 are pending. Applicants have thoroughly reviewed the Office Action and the references cited therein. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action. All of the claims are believed to be patentable over the cited references.

SPECIFICATION

The disclosure stands objected to because of informalities. Applicants have amended the specification to address this objection. Applicants respectfully submit that the objection has been overcome and request that the objection be withdrawn.

DRAWINGS

The drawings stand objected to because of informalities. Applicants have amended the drawings address this objection. Applicants respectfully submit that the objection has been overcome and request that the objection be withdrawn.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 2-4 and 8 stand objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(a) for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection has been overcome and request that the rejection be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 2-4, 6, 8-9, 28 and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claims 2 and 4 with respect to the “monitor routine,” the Office Action alleges that it “is unclear what is meant by ‘events’ (claim 2, line 7) or ‘system event’ (claim 4, line 2); i.e., it is unclear whether such ‘events’ (being reported and/or responded to by the ‘monitor routine’) have to do with malfunction of the overall system, normal ‘annunciator’ operation (e.g. the outputting of particular ‘annunciations’ at predetermined times), user inputs to control immediate ‘annunciator’ operation, etc.” Applicants respectfully submit that any of these may serve as an event. For example, Applicants state in paragraph [0002] that events relate to “normal periodic events” and in paragraph [0033] that user’s can change event definitions. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2 and 4 are clear and that the events can be any such event stated in the Office Action or other event.

Applicants have either amended the claims to address the rejection or canceled the claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection has been overcome and request that the rejection be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claim 22 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,541,981 to Lynn (“Lynn”). Applicants respectfully traverse. In an effort to

advance prosecution, however, Applicants have canceled claim 22 thus rendering this rejection moot.

Claims 1, 5-7, 10-14, 17-24, 26-27, and 31 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,133,081 to Mayo ("Mayo"). Applicants respectfully traverse. In an effort to advance prosecution, however, Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 9 (and all intervening claims) and amended independent claim 23 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 30. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1 and 23 are allowable and request that the rejection be withdrawn. Applicants have canceled claims 7, 22, and 31 rendering the rejection of these claims moot.

Claims 5-6, 10-14, 17-21, 24, 26, and 27 ultimately depend from at least one of independent claims 1 and 23. Therefore, these claims are also allowable for at least the foregoing reasons. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection has been overcome and request that the rejection be withdrawn.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 15-16, 25 and 29-30 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2-4, 8, 9, and 28 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, the objections under 37 CFR 1.75(a), and include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening

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claims. As stated above, Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 23 to include allowable subject matter.

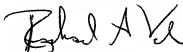
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If it is believed that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to expedite the prosecution of the application.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2036 with reference to Attorney Docket No. 87321.1660.

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